

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1738 - HB 2029

March 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the State Horse Racing Advisory Committee for the purpose of regulating horse racing in Tennessee. The Committee will consist of seven members; will meet at least quarterly; and will be administratively attached to the Division of Regulatory Boards. Members of the Committee are entitled to an expense allowance (per diem) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106(b)(1), and travel expense reimbursement.

The Committee is required to develop recommendations for legislation for the establishment of horse racing in this state and may investigate, study, and report on any programs, initiatives, topics, or other matters as the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee is required to complete and file a comprehensive report that must include all recommendations for legislation prior to July 1, 2018. An effective date of July 1, 2016.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$9,600/Division of Regulatory Boards

Other Fiscal Impact - As of June 30, 2015, the Division of Regulatory Boards had a cumulative reserve balance of \$23,525,220.

Assumptions:

- The State Horse Racing Advisory Committee will meet 4 times per year.
- The Committee will be comprised of seven members.
- An average per diem of \$204 and average mileage of \$139.59 for a total of \$343.59 per member per meeting.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$9,620 for four annual meetings (7 members x 4 meetings x \$343.59).
- This Committee will be placed under the Division of Regulatory Boards.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period.
- This proposed legislation provides no means of collecting revenue to offset expenditures of the Committee; therefore, it is assumed that expenses of \$9,620 will be paid out of the reserve of the Division. As of June 30, 2015, the Division had a cumulative reserve balance of \$23,525,220.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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